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1. I MET THIS MORNING WITH MINFIN ABU ISMAIL. AMONG OTHER THINGS, I BRIEFED HIM ON MY TALK OF YESTERDAY WITH PRIMIN ABOUT A) OUR APPROACH TO ANSARY AND THE JAPANESE REGARDING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR EGYPT, B) THE NEED FOR HIGH-LEVEL GOE APPROACH TO THE SHAH, AND C) THE NEED FOR EGYPT TO UTILIZE THE STILL OUTSTANDING JAPANESE OECF CREDITS. EXPEDITIOUS EGYPTIAN APPROACH TO IRAN AND JAPAN WOULD ENABLE US TO MAKE A FURTHER SUPPORTIVE DEMARCHE. AI ALSO TOLD HIM OF THE PRIMIN'S REACTION.

2. ABU ISMAIL HAD OBVIOUSLY NOT YET HEARD ABOUT THIS FROM THE PRIMIN. HE AGREED ON THE NEED FOR EGYPTIN APPROACHES TO IRAN AND JAPAN. HE WAS INTERESTED IN PRIMIN'S IDEA OF PERHAPS VISITING TEHRAN IN NEXT MONTH OR SO TO MAKE AN APPROACH TO THE SHAH. IN THIS CONNECTION, HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT PRESIDENT SADAT IS SCHEDULED TO GO TO IRAN IN MAY AND WONDERED WHETHER THE PRESIDENT OUGHT NOT TO RAISE THE SUGGESTION. (PRIMIN HAD MENTIONED NOTHING ABOUT THIS TO ME). I SAID THAT THIS WAS A MATTER FOR GOE TO DECIDE, BUT THE APPROACH SHOULD BE MADE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND AT AN APPROPRIATELY  
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HIGH LEVEL.

3. ON JAPANESE ASSISTANCE, ABU ISMAIL EXPRESSED THE SAME VIEW AS THE PRIMIN THAT ALL SUCH AID HAS BEEN COMMITTED OR DRAWN DOWN. HE WAS NOT AWARE THAT THERE WAS STILL ANYTHING OUTSTANDING. I THEN GAVE HIM INFORMATION CONTAINED IN PARA 1 OF TOKYO' 4436 INDICATING THE FIRST OECF LOAN AGREEMENT HAD ONLY BEEN SIGNED FEBRUARY 1976, AND DISBURSEMENTS THEREUNDER HAD JUST BEGUN. THE SECOND OECF INCREMENT HAD YET TO BE NEGOTIATED, AND IT WAS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT JAPANESE MFA DOES NOT WISH TO ASK OECF TO EXECUTE IT UNTIL DISBURSEMENT UNDER FIRST AGREEMENT IS AT LEAST ONE-HALF OF THE AMOUNT STIPULATED THEREIN.

4. ABUI ISMAIL WAS NOT AWARE OF THIS AND TOOK NOTES. HE AGREED THAT GOE SHOULD EXPEDITIOUSLY UTILZE JAPANESE LOAN SO THAT FAILURE TO DO SO COULD NO LONGER BE CITED BY GOJ AS REASON FOR NOT WANTING TO CONSIDER NEW AID. IT WAS MINECON RESPONSIBILITY, ABU ISMAIL STATED, TO HANDLE PURCHASES UNDER THE JAPANESE LOAN. IN HIS CAPACITY AS ACTING MINECON, HE UNDERTOOK TO INSTRUCT APPROPRIATE MINISTRY OFFICIALS TO MOVE OUT ON THIS MATTER WITHOUT DELAY. HE WOULD ALSO IMPRESS UPON MINECON ZAKI SHAFEI WHEN LATTER RETURNS NEXT WEEK THE IMPORTANCE OF EXPEDITIOUS ACTION.

5. I WILL ALSO MENTION POINT TO SHAFEI WHEN HE GETS BACK NEXT WEEK.  
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